



28 January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: 2025 COLLEGE FEES**

I write to inform you of the recently approved schedule of College Fees for 2025 along with some additional financial supports that you may be able to access.

The College fee setting review process is an extensive and considered process, and while we acknowledge the ongoing challenges related to the increased cost-of-living, we undertake a balanced approach as the college remains equally exposed to the same challenges and uncertainties.

In completing this review and setting the Composite College Fees for all year levels in 2025, the following key components and factors were considered:

- Feedback and consultation with our college community
- Ongoing operational and capital financial needs of the college
- Impacts of government funding streams and support
- Continued guidance and requirements under the governance of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd, particularly the transition to Magnify Sandhurst and the streamlining of technology devices
- Ensuring shared and equitable contributions by the college community
- Our commitment to delivering exceptional education, with a student-first approach
- The establishment of the inaugural Year 6 level and an alternate year approach to camps in the mid to upper primary year levels
- Further development into Year 12 VCE, Vocational Major and/or Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways and opportunities to provide as much breadth of subject offerings as possible through alternate means

In support of this review and considering the above key factors, the college has adopted broadly an average 4.0 per cent increase to the College Composite Fee for 2025. This increase is significantly lower than the annual educational inflation index which is approximately 6.4 per cent.

In acknowledging the impact these necessary fee increases have on our community we are also pleased to share some further financial assistance and relief you may be able to access if you have an eligible Health Care or Concession Card and are approved for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) support.

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In addition to CSEF financial support that has been operational for many years, you may also be able to access:

- School Saving Bonus of up to \$400 supported by the Victorian government, and
- Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd Primary School Health Care Card fee relief (applicable to students in Years Foundation to Year 6 only)

Further information regarding each of these assistance initiatives is also provided. I encourage you to read the additional information attached to this letter which provides further details and an explanation of our 2025 College Composite Fee, financial support under the CSEF program, and payment options. Further information will also be provided regarding the establishment of direct debit payment schedules and other arrangements.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to your child's education by way of financial support to the college. If you have any questions regarding college fees or payments, please contact the office via [office@sackialla.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@sackialla.catholic.edu.au) or (03) 4812 2993.

Yours sincerely,

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## College Composite Fees

St Anne's College charges a Composite Fee which comprises a College, Capital and Curriculum Fee, Camps, Sports and Excursion Levy and Technology Levy. They are billed in full to families on an annual basis, usually at the beginning of the school year.

**College and Capital Fees** are an essential component of the total funding of our college. While 75 per cent of our funding requirements are provided by Commonwealth and State Government funding pools, we can only achieve our vision and mission priorities if this funding is supplemented by income generated from all components of the Composite Fee, along with our college community's commitment and enrolment expectation to the payment of their fee contribution.

**Curriculum Fees** are crucial for the day-to-day operation of the college and the effective delivery of the curriculum. These levies are used to pay for resources and materials in specific areas, including library access, provision of learning materials, sports, leisure and wellbeing activities, food materials, technology and design, use of equipment, School Care Accident Cover Insurance, and other consumable learning resources and materials, required in and out of the classroom.

The **Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy** includes the full cost of all excursions, incursions, camps, sporting, and swimming programs (for applicable year levels) which students are required to participate in.

The **Technology Levy** covers the cost for each student's use of the information technology facilities, along with the provision of a technology device based on a 1:1 ratio. In the past the college has used iPads and MacBooks, however from 2025 we will begin a four-year transition program to Microsoft and Windows operating system devices. The Technology Levy also includes intranet and internet access, email and e-learning facilities, printing (black and white and colour) and other resources required to maintain existing hardware and associated software in good working order (subject to standard wear and tear). Loss of device and/or damage repairs are recoverable separately to this levy and will be charged as applicable in accordance with the ICT Agreement.

St Anne's College is committed to providing a learning experience that is at the forefront of education in a technologically advancing society; we endeavour to access most of our learning resources online or via applications or programs. Given this approach, students and families in Years Foundation to Year 9 are generally relieved of the burden of a costly booklist or extensive stationery requirements, thus providing a significant saving. The cost of accessing the applications and platforms used in numeracy, literacy and languages is included in our College Composite Fee. However, as students move into Years 10 to 12, there is a requirement for them to purchase VCE subject-specific textbooks, and for those undertaking a VCE

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course, a materials charge applicable to the course will be incurred (please refer to the **SUBJECT-SPECIFIC CHARGES** table below). The 2025 College Composite Fee is to be used as an indicative guide for the 2026 College Composite Fee and will be subject to an increase in line with the annual inflation of the education sector and is generally finalised annually in November.

The Composite Fee, or any of its components, are generally not refundable due to non-attendance at a specific activity or camp. If a student exits the college, the College Composite Fee remains due and payable for the full period to the end of the term the student leaves. Where a student starts part way through a school year, a pro-rata calculation will be made, with a corresponding adjustment to the Composite Fee.

If families believe they may struggle with the payment of the Composite Fee due to financial hardship or other special circumstances, they are encouraged to contact the college and make an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss a payment plan, together with looking at what allowances/concessions might be available. Such discussions and/or arrangements will be treated with the utmost discretion and in strict confidence. This must be requested, discussed and agreed to on an annual basis.

### ST ANNE'S COLLEGE COMPOSITE FEES 2025

St Anne's College's Composite College Fees for 2025 have been approved as follows:

Year Levels	College, Capital & Curriculum Fees	CSE Levy	Technology Levy	Total Composite College Fees
Foundation to Year 1	\$2,146.00	\$179.00	\$350.00	<b>\$2,675.00</b>
Year 2	\$2,146.00	\$179.00	\$291.00	<b>\$2,616.00</b>
Year 3 (camp year)	\$2,146.00	\$549.00	\$291.00	<b>\$2,986.00</b>
Year 4 (camp year)	\$2,146.00	\$549.00	\$430.00	<b>\$3,125.00</b>
Year 5 to Year 6 (camp year)	\$2,146.00	\$580.00	\$345.00	<b>\$3,071.00</b>
Year 7 to Year 9	\$3,990.00	\$466.00	\$467.00	<b>\$4,923.00</b>
Year 10 to Year 12	\$3,947.00	\$466.00	\$580.00	<b>\$4,993.00</b>

### SUBJECT-SPECIFIC CHARGES:

Subject-specific charges represent the materials or additional excursion recovery charged to each student enrolled in a particular VCE or Vocational Education and Training (VET) course. Indicative subject specific charges in the table below are based on prior year charges, they are subject to an annual review as advised by the college suppliers at the time and will be invoiced to the student's account based on confirmed enrolment in the study area as of March 1. As the college incurs these costs from the providers regardless of any subsequent changes etc. no credit or refund will apply if a student withdraws from a course after that date and a further charge may apply if they change their study area or withdraw.

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VCE Subject	Indicative Cost	VCE Subject	Indicative Cost
Outdoor Education – Unit 1	\$330.00	Biology – Unit 2	\$350.00
Outdoor Education – Unit 2	\$400.00		
VET Study Area	Years 1 & 2	VET Study Area	Years 1 & 2
<b>Building &amp; Construction</b> Cert II Building & Construction (Pre-Apprenticeship)	\$450.00	<b>Automotive</b> Cert II Automotive Studies (Vocational preparation)	\$450.00
<b>Beauty</b> Cert III Make-Up	\$450.00	<b>Hairdressing</b> Cert II Salon Assistant	\$450.00
<b>Early Childhood</b> Cert III Early Childhood Education & Care	\$250.00	<b>Engineering</b> Cert II Engineering Studies (Trades pathways)	\$450.00
<b>Plumbing</b> Cert II Plumbing (Pre-Apprenticeship)	\$450.00	<b>Education Support</b> Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care	\$250.00
<b>Electrical</b> Cert II Electrotechnology (Career start)	\$450.00	<b>Allied Health</b> Cert III Allied Health Assistance	\$250.00
<b>Agriculture &amp; Environment</b> Cert II Agriculture or Horticulture	\$250.00	<b>Animal Studies</b> Cert II Animal Care	\$250.00
<b>Community Services</b> Cert III Community Services	\$250.00	<b>Hospitality</b> Cert II Cookery or Hospitality	\$450.00
<b>IT</b> Cert III Information Technology	\$250.00	<b>Equine Studies</b> Cert III Equine Studies	\$450.00
<b>Design</b> Cert III Design Fundamentals	\$250.00	<b>Business</b> Cert III in Business (Online)	\$250.00
<b>Industry</b> Cert II Creative Industries	\$250.00	<b>Sports &amp; Recreation</b> Cert III Sports, Aquatics & Recreation	\$250.00
<b>Volunteering</b> Certificate II Active Volunteering	\$250.00		

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While we aim to include as much as possible in our College Composite Fee, there may be a circumstance where a student elects to undertake a particular project or inquiry that incurs costs more than our allowance. In this circumstance an additional separate cost may be incurred, or parents may be asked to provide the necessary additional materials to support the student. In such circumstance, and prior to the project or inquiry commencing, full details and/or costing will be provided.

### SIBLING DISCOUNTS

In acknowledging the overall support and commitment to the college of families with multiple siblings, a tiered part-fee discount is offered. The sibling discount, if applicable, will be automatically credited to your account and applies to the College, Capital & Curriculum Fee components only of the College Composite Fee. **The Technology Levy, Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy, and subject-specific charges are not subject to the discount.**

Number of Students	Discount amount applied
First student (highest year level)	NIL
Second student (second highest year level)	10% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee
Third student (third highest year level)	80% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee
Fourth and subsequent students (fourth highest year level etc.)	90% of College, Capital & Curriculum Fee

### HEALTH CARE CARD (HCC) HOLDERS:

Families of enrolled students that have a valid HCC may be entitled to additional financial support provided by the Victorian government, Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL) and St Anne's College. There are three financial support components outlined below. Eligibility assessment and approval is confirmed via the CSEF process (below), and all families must establish and maintain an ongoing direct debit arrangement with the college for the remainder of the college fees.

### CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF):

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was introduced by the Victorian State Government in 2015 and provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports (including swimming) and excursions/incursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for an annual contribution of \$150 for primary school students and \$250 for secondary students, with the payment being made direct to St Anne's College and applied against that component of the Composite College Fee. For further information click [here](#), or if you wish to download and complete an application form you can click [here](#). Once completed, return the application form to our office.

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### **SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS (SSB) - 2025 ONLY:**

The Victorian State Government announced this cost-of-living initiative in the 2024 Budget to assist families of school age children. Unlike students enrolled in government schools, it applies to a limited number of eligible students in non-government, low fee paying Catholic schools like St Anne's College. Essentially, if you qualify as 2025 recipient of CSEF, then you will qualify for the \$400 SSB. As the process and operational requirements of the SSB are quite specific and detailed, please click [here](#) to refer to the separate communication for more information including some requirement you must fulfill.

### **PRIMARY YEAR LEVELS (FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY) COLLEGE FEE RELIEF:**

Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd and St Anne's College understand and appreciate the current cost of living challenges for all in our community and are committed to supporting those who need additional assistance. As a result, the college is offering a significant overall college composite fee relief which will be processed automatically upon confirmation of CSEF eligibility and direct debit arrangements.

### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

The college offers a range of supports to families experiencing financial hardship or where special/difficult circumstances exist. Parents/carers are welcome to contact the finance team and make an appointment to discuss available supports the college can offer to assist with the financial requirements of the college fees. All details concerning fees and families are treated in strictest confidence. Please note, these arrangements are negotiated on an annual basis. If special circumstances exist, please call (03) 4812 2993 for an appointment to discuss your needs.

School fees are reviewed annually around November in accordance with the St Anne's College Fee Policy.

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